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Memorandum

1 - Mr. Conrad - Enc.
1 - Office, T.S. - Enc.
1 - Mr. Baker, Attn: Mr. Walter - Enc.
1 - Mr. Frazier

DATE: June 24, 1966

TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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On 6/22/66, Supervisor Robert Lenihan, Domestic Intelligence Division, called to inquire whether the brown plastic portable radio among Lee Harvey Oswald's effects was a standard broadcast band receiver or a short-wave receiver and whether it was in operating condition. He desired this information so he would be in a position to answer an inquiry from S. Douglas Cater, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, the details of which are set out in a memorandum of 6/22/66, from Mr. Donahoe to Mr. DeLoach.

SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms Unit, advised Mr. Lenihan that the radio, called the "Tourist," Item AG in our inventory of evidence being maintained in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was still in the custody of the Laboratory and had never been made an exhibit by the President's Commission. He further advised that Item AG in our inventory is the power supply for the radio and is designed to permit use of the radio from house current, rather than from its own dry cell batteries. Incidentally, no batteries were in the radio when it was received and, in fact, one battery terminal was missing which would greatly reduce the length of time the radio could be operated on battery power. Further, one of the battery contacts and its mounting bracket was severely rusted.

The radio and power supply are of Russian manufacture and the Russian language markings on it were translated into English by SA Joseph Laverin, Washington Field Office. The translation is enclosed along with certain work notes and diagrams.

An examination of the radio and power supply was

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enc.
1 - Mr. Rosen, Attn: Mr. Raupach - Enc.
1 - Mr. Sullivan, Attn: Mr. Lenihan - Enc.
1 - Mr. Wick - Enc.
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made by SA Winton P. Walter, Electronics, who determined that the radio was not in operating condition. No attempt was made to repair the radio since to do so would have changed its physical condition from that in which it was received.

The dial of the radio is marked "LB" (Long wave) and "CB" (Medium wave). The radio, therefore, will tune through and slightly beyond the broadcast band as used on the common household radio in the United States. The radio will not receive short-wave broadcasts; however, there is no reason to believe this radio would not be capable of receiving stations in Cuba, particularly at night, when located in the southern United States.

Mr. DeLoach's office was advised telephonically of the nature and condition of the radio on 6/22/66.

ACTION: None. For information.